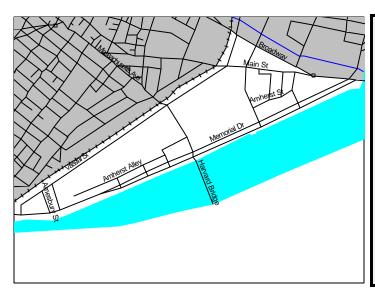
## NEIGHBORHOOD 2

## M.I.T. AREA





**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Charles River

**POPULATION:** 5,196 residents

794 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:** 

\$26,397

Neighborhood #2 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 and Car 3 (2 officer cars). M.I.T. has its own police force, which patrols this area.

## 2001 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

The majority of the area designated as the MIT neighborhood is dominated by Massachusetts Institute of Technology property. MIT has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the FBI. Statistics contained in this neighborhood profile do not include crimes on the college's property except for arrests and incidents the Cambridge Police participated in. A partnership that has proven successful is the combined patrols of the Cambridge and MIT Police in high areas of pedestrian activity during commuting hours. The extremely low numbers in MIT has set the neighborhood off to a good start in 2001. ? The number of **street robberies** remained the same as last year, although this one incident involved a firearm. The perpetrator in this incident brandished a firearm, demanded money, and left without incident when the victim was unable to produce any cash. ? There is very little **housebreak** activity associated with this neighborhood; none were recorded in the second quarter of 2001. ? There have been no increases in auto thefts and those crimes affiliated with MV offenses (i.e. **larceny from motor vehicle** and **malicious destruction**). ? Of the two **drug arrests**, both were made on MIT's campus. Although they were made on campus, none of the persons arrested were MIT students.

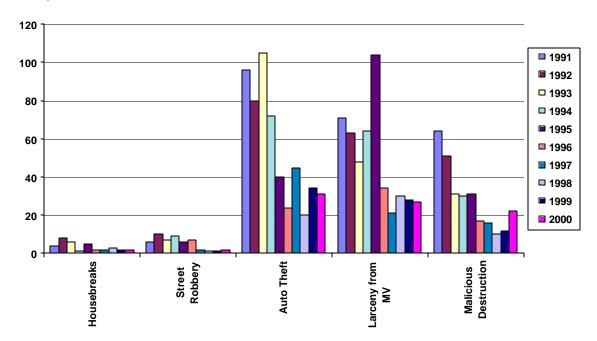
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2000 & 2001						
CRIME	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2000	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2001	% CHANGE			
Housebreaks	2	0	-100%			
Street Robbery	1	1	N.C.			
Auto Theft	14	7	- 50%			
Larceny from MVs	11	11	N.C.			
Malicious Destruction	9	4	- 56%			
Drug Arrests	3	2	- 33%			

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS**

The M.I.T. Area is dominated, of course, by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. M.I.T. property envelops most of the neighborhood. Its large student population—many of whom are foreign—is alluring to local criminals, who often consider students unsuspecting prey.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the Uniform Crime Reporting system. Statistics contained in this profile—and in the rest of the report—do not include crimes on M.I.T. property except for arrests and incidents in which Cambridge Police Officers participated.

- The large number of automobiles parked each day on Vassar Street, Ames Street, Amherst Street, and at the Hyatt Regency Hotel have traditionally accounted for high numbers of **autotheft** and **larcenies from motor vehicles**.
- **Street robbery** patterns have sometimes emerged at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street, and outside the Bank Boston ATM on Main Street. These are often predatory, targeting college students that are walking in the areas late at night. Over the course of 20 years, however, M.I.T. has maintained a street robbery level well below the other neighborhoods.
- Bicycles parked at racks on sidewalks all around M.I.T. have been targeted by thieves in large numbers. M.I.T. and Cambridge Police make several arrests per year for larcenies of bicycles.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR M.I.T. AREA TARGET CRIMES						
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*	
Housebreaks	19	11	4	12	12	
Street Robbery	11	10	5	11	12	
Auto Theft	102	7	55	6	7	
Larceny from MVs	56	10	50	8	8	
Malicious Destruction	47	10	28	11	13	

<sup>\*</sup>Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest